

Equal advances of confidence and concession from the  
by all North!! -  
friendly  
J. I.

N. Andover Nov 18.

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My dear friend,

It strikes me that I  
do not acknowledge the  
receipt of your letter in  
the N.Y. Times. Heartly  
sympathy & thanks. My  
opinion of the "policy" &  
the way it was sprung on  
us, and the demoralizing  
effect of it on the country,  
& the demoralized condition



of the names, - work at  
which it has come, re-  
mains unchanged, I see  
the Repub. members of Cong<sup>ress</sup>  
w. felt bound to let the  
President know there is a  
limit to gratifying Southern  
Democrats. It will not  
take long to open the na-  
tion's eyes, let us hope.  
We may yet take new de-  
parture, before worse comes.  
I said my say about  
the matter at Providence,  
(I shall repeat next Sunday)



although not at <sup>much</sup> length,  
wh. wd be of small service.  
We must be content, in  
these days when arguments  
have so small effect, to show  
his hand with entire plain-  
ness, and let events convince  
a people, whose reasoning  
capacities seem strangely  
perverted & confused.

Last Election I wanted  
to do my little part to  
weaken the Repub. majority  
in Mass, to show Hayes  
that she had not fine clean  
men



to the Policy; so I stayed at  
home, and diminished the  
whole vote by one! But I  
know that one to Mr. at least  
honestly in its negation, —  
More than any one else at the  
root of the imposition of this  
Hag Policy on the country is  
Stanley Matthews of Ohio. — &  
that he is a right-hand friend  
of the President is so much  
the worse for the latter. That  
all of Matthews's to the South-  
ern leaders show the Republican  
as it seems to me, the readiness  
to be moved by promises into left  
Bayes and he has been painted  
as pure meanness, calling for